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Office Action Summary

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- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 18 July 2006.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 47-65 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 47-65 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 5/15/2006.
- ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- ☐ Other: _____.

RESPONSE TO AMENDMENT

1. This communication is in response to the amendment received on July 18, 2006.
Claims 47, 53, 57, 61, and 63 have been amended.
Claims 1-46 have been cancelled.
Claims 47-65 are pending further examination.

The Previous rejection maintained

2. The rejection is respectfully maintained as set forth in the last Office Action mailed on May 2, 2006. Applicants' arguments with respect to claims 47-65 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive and the old rejection is maintained

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

3. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

4. Claim 47-65 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over **Hegde et al.**, (Hegde) U.S. Patent No. **6,925,495** and in view of **Doty, Jr.** U.S. Patent No. **6,795,863**.

Hegde teaches delivering on-demand content to requesting device by determining attributes of the requesting device in order to increase performance of the delivered content. The attributes include information relating to the operating system, media player, bandwidth parameters and the like.

Doty, Jr. teaches a system for distributing a plurality of different video data streams across a network to a plurality of client recipient computers. The system includes an encoder for encoding digitized data into a plurality of different video data stream formats and a smart server for determining when a client recipient computer accesses the e-mail system and the type of a video player residing on the client recipient computer. Once the determination has been made a cookie that contains client settings is set at the client device and an optimum video data stream format for the video player of the client recipient computer is distributed to the client recipient computer

5. As to claims 47, 53, 61 and 63, Hegde teaches a method of transferring requested media data over a network comprising:

receiving a request for media data from a client device (col. 9, lines 11-17, client device request content from Content Delivery Network (CDN));

sending a detection code to the client device (col. 10, lines 5-11, Server 605 sends code that is to be executed on the client device and used for determining basic attribute information of the client device);

detecting, at the client side, the media player information available on the client device by the detection code (col. 10, lines 5-11 and col. 10, lines 27-36, the code is used for determining basic attribute information which includes the type of player at the client device);

fetching the requested media data (col. 9, lines 17-35, CDN fetches the request media either from the CDN or from the origin server); and

transferring the requested media data suitable for the detected media player information to the client computer over the network (col. 9, lines 17-35 and col. 10, lines 34-37, the content is customized according to the attributes of the client device and delivered to the client device).

Hegde does not explicitly teach storing at the client sides the media player information in one or more cookies and verifying that they have valid settings and are sufficient to format the requested media data

Doty, Jr. teaches a system for distributing a plurality of different video data streams across a network to a plurality of client recipient computers. The system includes an encoder for encoding digitized data into a plurality of different video data stream formats and a smart server for determining when a client recipient computer accesses the e-mail system and the type of a video player residing on the client recipient computer. Once the determination has been made a cookie that contains client settings is set at the client device and an optimum video data stream format for the video player of the client recipient computer is distributed to the client recipient computer (col. 6, line 57 – col. 7, line 21).

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of applicant's invention to incorporate the teaching of Doty, Jr. into the invention of Hedge in order to be able to store information on a user's computer by a Web site so preferences are remembered on future requests, which will reduce processing time and increase efficiency in the overall client/server system.

6. As to claims 48, 54, 59, 62 and 65, Hegde teaches the method of claim 47, 53, 57, 61 and 63, respectively, where in the media player information includes one or more media player types available on the client device (col. 10, lines 27-36).

7. As to claims 49, 56, 60 and 64, Hegde teaches the method of claim 47, 53, 57 and 63, respectively, wherein the media player detection code comprises logic for a string search of mimetype (col. 10, lines 27-36, the code is used to detect what media player is available on the client device from among a plurality of media players).

8. As to claim 50, 55 and 58 Hegde teaches the method of claim 47, 53 and 57, respectively, further comprising storing the detected media player information on the client device (col. 12, lines 17-42).

9. As to claim 51 Hegde teaches the method of claim 47, further comprising conducting bandwidth measurement (col. 13, lines 12-20).

10. As to claim 52 Hegde teaches the method of claim 47, wherein the suitable media data is transcoded based on the detected media player information (col. 10, lines 30-36).

Response to Arguments

11. Applicant's arguments have been fully considered but they are not deemed to be persuasive. Applicant argues in substance that:

Argument: Hodge and Doty do not teach verifying said one or more cookies to have valid settings and are sufficient to format the requested media data.

Response: Applicant is reminded that the claims are given their broadest reasonable interpretation. The claim language merely recites verifying the cookies to have valid

settings and are sufficient to format the requested media data. Doty teaches wherein the a cookie is set at the client device to record user settings and return them to the server. The server determines what capabilities the client device contains, whether or not the player plug-ins are present based on the information retrieved from the cookies. The server verifies the information it receives from the cookies to determine if the client device has valid settings and are able to play the media data, otherwise they user is sent to a smart download page for installing the appropriate software that they need to play the media data. Doty's cookies that are set at the client device are used for the purpose of determining by the server the user capabilities and whether or not the user needs to be directed a download page (col. 6, line 57 – col. 7, line 21). This is the verification process that the server goes through prior to transmitting the requested data to the user and as such meets the scope of the claimed limitation.

Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire **THREE MONTHS** from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within **TWO MONTHS** of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the **THREE-MONTH** shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of

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the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the date of this final action.

Contact Information

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Shawki S Ismail whose telephone number is 571-272-3985. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 8:30 - 5:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Saleh Najjar can be reached at 571-272-4006. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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